7th Annual
Martin Luther King Day
Program

January 19, 2004

11:00 a.m.

Dodge City Community College
Theatre

Mack W. Curry Biography

Mack W. Curry is retired from the Air Force after 24 years of service and dedication as a Master Sergeant. Mr. Curry's primary job responsibility was combat training and aircrew flying. His aircraft assignments were the KC-135, B-1B bomber, F-111 light bomber, U-2 surveillance, F-15 air to air aircraft and F-4.

Mr. Curry has served in Japan, New York, Arizona, Idaho, Georgia, and Brisbane, Australia. Mr. Curry was last stationed at McConnell Air Force Base where he decided to make Wichita, Kansas his home. He is presently working on his master's degree in computer science at Wichita State University. A lifetime education advocate, Mr. Curry encouraged his service men and women to seek a post secondary education where ever he was stationed and in charge.

Mr. Curry is a native of Clarksdale, Mississippi (Home of the Blues). He has three children, Sherol Curry of Wichita, Florine Palmer of Seattle, Washington and Mack Curry II, United States Air Force Captain at Whitman AFB, Missouri. He is most proud of his children and eight grandchildren.

Mack has been known across the state of Kansas for his work as a basketball referee for high school and college. He has officiated basketball for 33 years and presently supervises and evaluates games and referee performances. Mr. Curry is highly respected for his ability to train new referees and has been honored by several associations for his outstanding work with children. He will be lecturing on the challenges of "Re-Igniting the Dream" in 2004.

Special Thanks to:

DCCC Bookstore
Abundant Life Family Church
USD 443
Joni Clark, Director of USD 443 21st Century After School Program
Voice of Praise Gospel Choir
Chelsea Nichols
Brittany Johnston
Quindaro Harrison
Anthony Teague

Schedule of Events

Welcome ..... Anthony Lyons
Dean of Students

Invocation ..... Pastor Travis Souders
Youth Pastor, Abundant Life Family Church

Black National Anthem ..... Joni Clark
Director of 21st Century, USD 443

Presentation of USD 443 coloring and essay contest winners ..... Brittany Johnston and Quindaro Harrison
DCCC students

Introduction of entertainment ..... JohnElla Holmes
Director of Residence Life

Voices of Praise Gospel Choir
Joni Clark, Director

Introduction of guest speaker ..... Anthony Teague
DCCC student

Guest Speaker ..... Mack W. Curry, Sr.
"Re-Igniting the Dream"

Interpretive reading of "I Have A Dream" ..... Chelsea Nichols
DCCC student

Presentation of Dodge City Community College's First Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Outstanding Community Service Award ..... Anthony Lyons

Prayer of Peace ..... Pastor Travis Souders

Announcements ..... JohnElla Holmes

Meal information
Viewing of coloring & essay contest submissions
Big-screen showing of Dr. King's "I Have A Dream"

"We Shall Overcome" ..... led by Voice of Praise

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Black National Anthem

written by James and John Johnson

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Since a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Since a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet,
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through he blood of the slaughtered;
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

We Shall Overcome

Negro Spiritual

We shall overcome,
We shall overcome,
We shall overcome some day.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe
We shall overcome someday.

Blacks and whites together
Blacks and whites together
Blacks and whites together some day.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe
Blacks and whites together some day.

Walking hand in hand
Walking hand in hand
Walking hand in hand some day.
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe
Walking hand in hand some day.